



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Pierre BARBERIS et al.  
Serial No.: 10/565,481 Confirmation No.: 2123  
Filed: January 20, 2006  
For: A METHOD OF FABRICATING A ZIRCONIUM ALLY  
FLAT PRODUCT, A PRODUCT AS OBTAINED  
THEREBY, AND A FUEL ASSEMBLY ELEMENT FOR  
A POWER STATION NUCLEAR REACTOR MADE  
FROM SAID FLAT PRODUCT  
  
Art Unit: 3663  
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Customer No.: 23280  
Atty. Docket: 12467/8; 569.1011

Mail Stop: RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 11, 2008

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.